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### **Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill:**

The temperatures we have seen around the world this summer show the impact the climate crisis is having. The more we delay acting, the more the world will be exposed to the risks the crisis poses and the more costly action will be. Unfortunately, as the Climate Change Committee's (CCC's) most recent progress report makes clear, here in the UK the Government is failing to deliver the action we need.

Last year, the CCC set out that the Government was failing in its implementation of climate policies and that its strategy would not deliver net zero emissions. Indeed, the High Court ruled that the net zero strategy was in breach of the Climate Change Act. Yet when the CCC responded to the Government's revised plans in June this year, it stated that it was even less confident that the UK will be able to meet its climate goals from 2030 onwards.

Continuing with this approach, in my view, risks continuing with higher energy bills, energy insecurity, lost jobs and climate delay. I therefore believe we need urgent action to put climate at the heart of the agenda for a fairer, greener future. I support calls for a green prosperity plan of investment in tackling climate change, growing the green economy and creating good, green secure local jobs across the country. This would include delivering zero-carbon power by 2030, insulating 19 million homes and establishing a national wealth fund to invest in green industries like hydrogen, gigafactories, green steel and renewable energy manufacturing.

I therefore support many of the aims of the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill. So, while the Bill is highly unlikely to receive a debate or a vote in Parliament, I can nevertheless assure constituents that I will continue to support efforts to press the Government to deliver the scale of response we need to address the climate crisis.

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